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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Request for Situation Estimate of North Korea

In response to your request of 24 February, CIA is undertaking an estimate of the current situation in North Korea as ORE 18-50. In line with your suggestion, the study will provide an overall integrated analysis of the military, political, and economic situation in North Korea. It will include (1) consideration of the political and economic stability of the area, and (2) an evaluation of its military potential in the broadest economic and social context.

There have been unforeseen delays in arranging a further meeting between Mr. Sneider of your office and representatives of ORR. These and the importance of obtaining thorough analyses from ORR and the service agencies make the 27 March deadline impossible to realize. In line with Mr. Sneider's oral suggestion of 2 March, therefore, we are setting a deadline of 15 April for delivery of the uncoordinated draft. This draft, of course, will represent the fullest working-level collaboration among the departmental intelligence agencies and CIA.

A memorandum which will include a general outline of the project and the allocations of production responsibilities will be sent to the departmental intelligence agencies as soon as preliminary conversations have been completed.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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